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MEMORANDUM

To: ENRP Chairs Burmaster & Pauly
From: ENRP Transportation Subcommittee Chair Samuel Ferraro
Re: August & September, 2001 subcommittee meetings
Date: September 28, 2001

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Transportation Subcommittee met August 10 and September 21, 2001 at Christino's at the Amherst Marriott. Present for the August meeting were Subcommittee members Ferraro, Morse, and Wendel. Present for the September meeting were Subcommittee members Ferraro, Morse, and Wendel.

The four bike trail proposals begun last year were discussed. They are the Amherst Canal Trailway (Phase III) in Amherst, the Erie Canal Recreationway in Pendleton and Lockport, the Lehigh Valley RR in the Town of Tonawanda, and Creekside Drive in the Town of Tonawanda. Funding applications are due in November, 2001. Subcommittee member Morse informed the group that all four projects are "in the mix." GBNRTC is working to incorporate this program with the shoreline hike / bike trail to fill in the blanks in terms of trails in the two counties.

Cross border transportation planning was discussed, especially in relation to the events of September 11. Morse stressed that although security has been tightened in the short term, it must be remembered that the goal prior to this was to make this an open border to facilitate trade more effectively. This was already a long term goal, but in the near term we are looking for shared border management.

Other topics discussed included the Bi-National Summit, the Route 531 West Corridor, Western New York corridor studies, and a "fast ferry" proposal.

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